



BETA THETA PI

MEN OF PRINCIPLE

THE ROLE OF THE **ADVISOR**

Below is a list of 20 expectations that chapters may have of advisors. The purpose of this exercise is to assist chapters and advisors to develop clear and mutually agreed upon expectations.

Directions: Each advisor should respond to the following statements regarding the “importance” of the function. Then, we will discuss them as a group and come to a consensus. For items that are determined not to be the responsibility of the advisor, it is valuable to clarify who might be responsible for that particular item.

1 = Essential part of the advisor’s role

2 = Helpful for the advisor to do

3 = Nice, but the advisor does not have to

4 = Would prefer the advisor not do

5 = Absolutely not the advisor’s role

The advisor is expected to: (Circle One)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Attend all chapter meetings. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Explain fraternity or campus policy when relevant to the discussion. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Meet with the officer at least once a week, either in person or by phone. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Help the officer prepare his agenda before each chapter or committee meeting. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Speak up during discussion when the advisor believes the chapter might make a poor decision. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Be quiet during meetings unless called upon. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Exert his / her influence with officers between meetings. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Participate in all internal judicial proceedings involving individual members. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Mentor officers and help them see how their fraternal experience can help them later in life. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Check the minutes of the VP of Communication before they are written in final form. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Veto a decision when it violates a fraternity or campus policy. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Be responsible for planning leadership skills and other workshops. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Let the chapter work out its problems, including making mistakes and “doing it the hard way.” |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Let the chapter thrive or decline on its own merits; do not interfere unless requested to do so. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Attend Keystone Conference, General Convention and other Fraternity programs. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Provide a sense of consistency and stability from year to year. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Be responsible for the actions of the chapter. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Represent the interests of the General Fraternity or campus. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Serve as a consultant for the group, play devil’s advocate and offer alternative perspectives. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Be a friend first and advisor second. |